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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of:

Ichiro KASAI

For:

OPTICAL APPARATUS AND VIEWING
OPTICAL SYSTEM THEREOF WHICH IS
CAPABLE OF DISPLAYING INFORMATION

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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUED PROSECUTION
APPLICATION (CPA) PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)**

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)), of Application Serial No.
09/421,575, filed on October 20, 1999, by Ichiro KASAI entitled OPTICAL
APPARATUS AND VIEWING OPTICAL SYSTEM THEREOF WHICH IS
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1. The above-identified prior Application Serial No. 09/421,575, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application.

2. Please use the file jacket and contents of the prior Application Serial No. 09/421,575, including the specification, drawings, and declaration to constitute the new application.

3. Claims 1-18 are present in this application. Claims 1, 2, 7, 10, 11 and 16 are independent claims, and claims 3-6, 8, 9, 12-15, 17 and 18 are dependent claims.

4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims currently existing in the prior Application Serial No. 09/421,575.

			Fee for small entity			Fee for other than small entity	
Fee	No. filed	No. extra*	Rate	Fee	OR	Rate	Fee
Basic fee				\$375	OR		\$750
Total claims	18-20=	0	X \$9=	\$0	OR	X \$18=	\$0
Independent claims	6-3=	3	X \$42=	\$0	OR	X \$84=	\$252
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented	0	0	+\$140=	\$0	OR	+\$280=	\$-0-
			Total	\$0	OR	Total	\$1002

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5. Please charge the \$1,002.00 fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please charge any additional fees (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

6. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, extending the response period to March 19, 2003, is being filed concurrently herewith. The Petition includes authorization for charging the Petition fee against the Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

7. The prior Application Serial No. 09/421,575, filed on October 20, 1999, is assigned of record by virtue of an Assignment by Ichiro KASAI to MINOLTA CO., LTD., as recorded on **Reel 010536, Frame 0448**.

8. The Power of Attorney in the prior application Serial No. 09/421,575, was filed by Ichiro KASAI, and is to certain attorneys of SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD LLP, Dallas, Texas. On or about May 3, 2001, the power of attorney was changed to the practitioners associated with Customer No. 24367 and the correspondence address was changed to that associated with Customer No. 24367. Please submit all correspondence to the Dallas address associated with Customer No. 24367.

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It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to the application in the file wrapper of a 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

Respectfully submitted,

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